The Founder Fire

"Fire that's closest kept burns most of all."

News and Views of the Founder Fellowship

THE AMERICAN YOUTH FOUNDATION, 3930 Lindell Boulevard, St. Louis 8, Mo.

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Luke 24: 13-16 "Then on the same day we find two of them going off to Emmaus, a village about seven miles from Jerusalem. As they went they were deep in conversation about everything that had happened. While they were absorbed in their serious talk and discussion, Jesus himself approached and walked along with them, but something prevented them from recognizing him."

A mysterious though profound Truth - the crucifixion/resurrection event! The two disciples were seeking its meaning as they trudged the Emmaus Road - questioning, theorizing. Generations since have asked, doubted and pondered anew. Answers have never come easily; and yet, the initial Easter Truth re-enforced by 2000 years of widening perspective prompts the Christian faith to respond with insight and vigor to the doubts and questions of all ages.

"I sense not the Lord dwelling in the midst of the crowds!"
Yet, the Lord's presence shadows each of life's relationships, eager to enrich and vitalize discussions, friendships, families.

"I feel not the Lord dwelling in my heart!"
Yet, the hard door of selfishness when cracked by the Risen Spirit, gives way to heartfelt joy and peace.

"I see not the Lord in the suffering, the hardships, and the pain around me!"
Yet, His presence backdrops all of life; His cool and balm can touch and heal where human hands have failed.

"I go through life and see no sign of an active God concerned for man!"
Yet, in all of life the spirit of the Risen Lord dwells - ever seeking, ever knocking, ever healing, ever questing for all to listen and respond!

- BOB WATSON

NEWS OF MINIWANCA - 1961

Plans are moving along well for the Older Camps of the coming season. We are holding a few places for former campers who have been uncertain whether or not they could come. As cancellations occur, the names of those on the Reserve List are offered places. Before long registered campers and leaders will have their usual letter, asking them to confirm their places for next summer...You have recently heard from us, many of you at least, about recommending someone qualified to serve as a LEADER in OLDER GIRLS or BOYS CAMP. If you know a youth leader in your church, a teacher, a parent, a 4H leader, a minister - preferably between the ages of 22 and 45 years, whose interests, background, experience and concern for Christian leadership would qualify them for leadership at Miniwanca, please talk with them to find out whether they are interested and available. If so, please send us names and addresses pronto. By vote of the Trustees of the Foundation at their annual meeting in January, OLDER GIRL AND BOY LEADER FEES have been abolished. Therefore, leaders have only the expense of their travel, and incidentals...FORMER HOME EC and AG SENIORS - We urge you to come back and serve as cabin leaders. By picking up on your camper credits and taking work in the Leaders Institute you could graduate from the Institute this summer. Write us if interested...Attention SANPAYAS and ICAHYAS! Why not plan on a return engagement, to serve as OG and OB leaders this summer? We need you as graduate leaders, and we feel certain that coming back would be a happy and worthwhile experience...YOUNGER GIRLS and BOYS CAMPS at Miniwanca have long since been filled for 1961. The YG unit is registered three years in advance and YB one or two years. Children of former campers and other prospects should get applications in well in advance of the 11 year minimum if they are interested in attending camp as soon as they are old enough...YOUNGER CAMP LEADERSHIP - If you know a fine college age fellow who would make a good YB leader, won't you talk with him about it. If he is interested, please send his name to BOB WATSON at the Founder office. Younger Camp leadership is a fine experience for those planning to go into teaching, the ministry, social work, etc. There may possibly be an opening or two for qualified Younger Girls Camp leader applicants - college age, not younger. If interested, write Dorty Kerr...OPENINGS ON WORKSTAFF - There are openings on our staff for older high school and college age young people for work in our camp kitchens and on our grounds. Scholarships and half scholarships are offered Workstaffers to attend OG and OB camps - the amount dependent upon how long they work. We are especially eager to have applications from qualified boys. If interested and available,or if you have friends to recommend, write for details. We also have openings for COUPLES to help with the last conference of the summer and to help stow away the camp for the winter. This is a work-vacation proposition. Dates are September 3 to 16. If interested, write for information.

E X C I T I N G N E W D E V E L O P M E N T !

Get Ready For a Surprise! That's what I said: SURPRISE!! Following last summer's fire in the living cabin area of the Main Unit a thoroughgoing survey was made of our entire living situation. In the light of safety factors, with due regard to program considerations and with an eye toward fitting the camp still more fully into the woodland beauty of Miniwanca, our Board of Trustees approved a plan to spread the living cabins, with some relocation in nearby areas. 1961 campers will be pioneers in a new living situation! Twenty-two cabins are to be moved before the opening of camp, half of them to the "Palace" garage - Woodcraft Cabin area, half to a spacious valley near Pottery Vale. The "Palace" and garage are being torn down to make room and cabins will be placed 40 to 50 feet apart in lovely village unit clusters. Toilet and shower facilities are planned for the new areas and all will be in readiness for the opening date of camp. Remaining cabins in the present living area will be rearranged to provide greater separation between buildings. Miniwanca moves ahead - be on hand to move with her this summer!

NEWS OF MERROWVISTA

In spite of its being Eastertime, snowshoes are still the order of the day at Merrowvista, but within a short time, Dan Hole Pond will be free of ice; the snow will have melted and spring will come to the New Hampshire hills. And with spring, thoughts of camp.

Already, registrations are rapidly coming in for all of our camps, with particular emphasis on our new Younger Boys Camp, in which registrations have doubled. However, we still have room in each camp, so get those registrations in soon.

The younger camp Directors are already moving rapidly as they make detailed plans for this summer. JUNE BELLI of Ridgewood, New Jersey, a Merrowvista grad and long-time leader, will head up the Younger Girls' Program, assisted by CAROLYN (HUB) CARPENTER, another O.G. grad. The Younger Boys Camp program will be under the competent direction of BOB NEUBAUER of Neenah, Wisconsin. Bob, a graduate of Miniwanca O.B., has served for a number of years as Miniwanca Y.B. Leader and for the last two years has also served as Y.B. Leader at Merrowvista. While the Y.B. Leadership staff is now completed, there is still room for a couple of Y.G. Leaders. Anyone knowing of a competent and outstanding young college woman who would appreciate such an opportunity, please send her name to our Eastern Office. O.B. and O.G. under the direction of ED CLARK will also have several new faces among many former faculty members, and programs promise to be more stimulating than ever. We still have room for one or two cabin leaders in O.B. and O.G.

Among physical additions, a new Shower House stands at the head of the list. While hot showers will never replace the morning dip in Dan Hole Pond for our O.B.'ers and O.G.'ers, still warm water can help melt the icicles after the dip! A Trading Post will also be a welcome addition especially for our younger camps, as a checkout station for all out-camping equipment. And when you arrive and head for the cabin area, you may find that your cabin has been moved. We're spreading out! Finally during O.G. this year, our New Jersey Lodge, made possible through gifts from our New Jersey Founders, will be dedicated.

Merrowvista is growing but we haven't reached the top yet. Your help and support is always appreciated. If you know of someone whose youngsters would appreciate the experience of camping at Merrowvista, send the name to our Eastern Office, 14 Main Street, Gardner, Mass. Since personal contact has long been our major method of promoting the camps, we depend on your help and support. Don't let us down!

- ED CLARK

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ALL-TIME MERROWVISTA CAMPERS and LEADERS, and MINIWANCANS living in the East!

LET'S GET BEHIND THIS PROMOTION EFFORT FOR MERROWVISTA! Why not swing into action pronto, if you haven't already done so, and send Ed Clark at the Eastern Office some good prospect names for one or more of the Merrowvista camps- Younger Boys, Younger Girls, Older Girls or Older Boys? Talk it up in your community - your church, your school, among your neighbors and business associates. Surely there are young people and children of your acquaintance who would greatly profit by and enjoy Founder camping! Try to interest organizations - men's and women's service clubs, 4H groups, etc., in sponsoring campers. We especially need your help in building up the attendance at Merrowvista. Money has been invested to build up the physical equipment of the camp, and now we are asking all hands to gather 'round in promotion of the camp! Do let Ed hear from you soon! Thanks for your help and interest.

R. A. WAITE

"Dad"

Dad Waite is with us no more. He left us Saturday morning, March 11. Three days prior to his death, Dad suffered a severe stroke from which he did not regain consciousness. He passed away with no apparent pain, after eighty-seven years of victorious living, most of which were spent in the service of youth, making straight for them The Way.

One of Dad's familiar expressions, and one which all of us who knew him heard him make many times, was "That's just great". It was meant to be an expression of high approval and commendation of something that had been particularly well done, and the emphasis, as we all recall, was always on the word "great". After receiving Horace's telephone message concerning Dad, a great flood of rich memories of our more than a half century of friendship and close comradeship engulfed me, and the word "great" came sharply to the fore. Truly, I thought, this word "great" now becomes a title, and the title belongs to Dad, for he was truly a great soul.

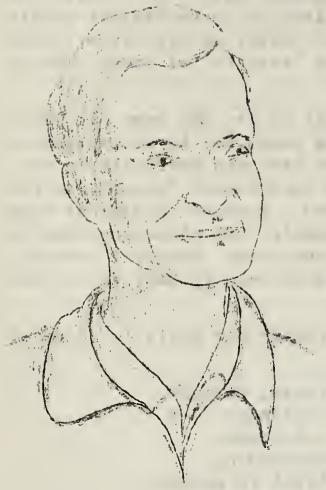
"Come With Me" all you, his friends, and let us enrich our souls in a few of the memories of his greatness; He was

A Great Teacher	-	Waonspeakiye - coiner of terse, pungent, unforgettable phrases, who planted rich truths deep in the hearts of youth.
A Great Counselor	-	Patient, sympathetic, understanding, experienced, helpful; skillful in helping youth discover their own best selves.
A Great Narrator	-	Highly gifted in the art of graphic use of the story in illustrating the truths of his message.
A Great Speaker	-	To youth! Of him it was said "He spoke to more high school assembly audiences than any other man in youth work."
A Great Friend	-	To him, friendship was not a mere word; it was a deep spiritual link that bound two souls together in fruitful adventure.
A Great Student	-	Of the Bible; constantly seeking, through marginal reference and new revisions, a more understandable key to the scriptures.
A Great Leader	-	Of youth. He understood them; he knew how to talk to them; he knew their problems and deeper yearnings. In the camps, wherever there was a group, there you would find Dad.
A Great Man of God	-	God was very real and very close to Dad. God and Dad were friends; shall we ever forget his prayers, revealing the majestic intimacy of this Great Man and his God!

Do you believe in immortality? I do. Do you believe that Dad's great and lovable soul is "marching on", as he climbs "the steep ascent to heaven"? I do. Do you believe that he challenges you and me more than ever before to "Follow in his train"? I do.

Then, let us glory in the privilege that was ours of knowing, and loving and learning from this great comrade of The Jesus Way, and thus make our lives more fruitful as we honor his matchless memory.

P. G. Orwig - Wadjepi



TWO SEERS BY THE SEA (To "Dad" Waite)

They sat in a breezy old pergola
in sight of the Silver Sea:
she, with youth in her eagering eyes,
visioning ecstasies;
he, the silence of age in his soul,
seeing infinities.

She, talked of the boy who would soon be back
from over the warring seas;
he, with earnestly listening heart,
felt her "dream-ecstasies";
and placed them, with unerring grace, among
life's pure infinities.

When later, she girlishly slipped away,
and left him alone by the sea,-
olden memories, quickened anew
by her young ecstasies,
came homing into his peaceful eyes,-
seeing infinities.

- Kodaya

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A tribute to Dad, written by John L. Alexander - "Kinji", was read at the Memorial Service held for Dad at the Danforth Chapel, Pilgrim Church, on March 13th.

"He is an artist, a master-workman in the secret workshops of youth. He is 'Dad' in the thinking of thousands. And we say it reverently but convincingly, in him multitudes of individual boys and girls have found a growing conception of God and His Fatherhood. Just, indignant at wrong, forgiving, loving, tender, stern, pleading, urging, yearning, always impelling to the best - such is 'Dad' to youth. To his fellows he is a great friend - appreciative, comradely, challenging, giving and taking, a partner beloved."

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Friends wishing to write the Waites can address them as follows: Mrs. Waite and Miriam - "Midge", 6609 Kingsbury, St. Louis 30, Mo.; Lu - Mrs. Richard Wall, Sweet Springs, Mo.; Ed - 418 N. Taylor, Kirkwood 22, Mo.

The Waite family has designated the American Youth Foundation and the United Campus Christian Fellowship at Washington University as recipients of memorial gifts. Contributions to the Foundation will be placed in the Scholarship Endowment Fund and the income used to help bring to the Founder camps outstanding young people from far distant states.

AROUND THE WORLD WITH WO-WI-FO-FE

We are happy to make our annual report to campers and leaders on the investment of their World Wide Founder Fellowship Funds. These monies are distributed by our own Founders abroad to children and youth in need...From Sendai, Japan, IVAN DORNON writes that the gift to him was used to buy gifts for children in orphanages - rubber shoes, mittens, sweaters...A contribution goes each year to Wadjepi's long-time friend WALLACE FORGIE for his work at Camp Tonakela, Avadi, Madras, India. There were 2600 welfare campers at Tonakela last year, 175 boys and 70 girls received convalescent care at the camp, and 11,368 villagers were treated at the Minor Treatment Centre. Many suffering from malnutrition were also given help...MARY (Swengel) GARCIA writes from Venezuela that her money was spent to help a small school for children of 4 to 7 years. "The school is made of cement blocks, it has holes in the four walls for windows."...In Lima, Peru, AIDA FERRARONE bought clothes and toys for needy children...GEORGE GOSSELINK says in his letter that his gift was invested in supplying milk to needy youngsters at American School for Boys, Basrah, Iraq...From Tokyo KEIICHI HARADA writes their money went to help children in a settlement conducted by one of the graduates of the university where he teaches. He says: "It is a wonderful thing to believe in good-will in this politically confused and divided world through the gift of Miniwanca young people. Such good-will will do more good than any diplomatic relations between the countries."...WILLIAM JOHNSON has had to leave Laos because of the troubled situation there. From Burma he writes he will get help back to the "gentle, peace-loving people of Laos who are caught in a horrible struggle, not of their making, and which they cannot understand."...Through DR. KOO we have again sent a check to his friend, the Bishop of Hong Kong to be used in the Children's Meal Program...A young woman medical student in India will be assisted through our gift to RUTH MANLEY...Through 1960 camper KEIKO MATSUMOTO we have a new friend in Japan - her father, Rev. Tadashi Matsumoto,to whom we sent a small contribution for work at St. Mary's Church Camp which he has originated and directs... HELLMUT MATZAT,now in Singapore, had a Christmas party and distributed gifts to over 50 children. "Over half of them indicated they had never before celebrated Christmas nor heard what it was all about."...From Aruba, Netherlands West Indies, LLOYD MONROE reports his money was given to the Girl Scouts who used it for baskets of food for needy families. Lloyd writes, "Thanks to Wo-Wi-Fo-Fe, fewer small tummies went unfilled at Christmas. Some 60 children say 'masha danki.'"...A student in the School of Social Work at Taipei University, Formosa, received scholarship help through the gift to JOHNSON SHING,on the staff of the University...MASAKO TAGO in Ise City,Japan used her gift to help young people through the hospital maintained by her family... Good causes for children and young people in Germany were furthered through contributions to former campers BERTA HEINE VESPER, ROBERT SCHMITT, RUTH KNAUFF PARNT, KARL-HEINZ KAISER and KAETHE FIEGE...Our special prayers are with our friends in the Congo who are presently working under such difficult circumstances, and some even in places of danger. Many had to leave at the outbreak of the trouble, but have returned to their work as they were permitted to do so. Typical is the word which has come from DR. TINSLEY SMITH who had to leave the Congo for 10 days and then returned with Mrs. Smith, the first American woman to return to Kasai Province. He writes that his people didn't plant crops, lest the food only go to enemies. As a result there is much starvation. "Your gift will enable us to feed a great many of the needy children."...From the Congo we also hear from FAYE FELTNER, JOHN HOOPER, and VIRGINIA PRUITT's husband, Wm. Pruitt, all very much in the thick of things there... CHANDRA DISSANAYAKE has started the first Home Economics Training School in her country - Ceylon. Our gift will go toward the furtherance of the work of her project, with which we surely wish her well!...In Port-au-Prince, Haiti, FRANK FIELDS distributed his contribution through Holy Trinity School...Through NANCY BLAKE HARVEY a gift has gone to the work of the school in which she formerly served in Algeria... LORE GABLER PAASCHE and her family are working at a Lutheran Mission in Soni, East Africa, and will distribute funds there, as will JOANNE DESMOND in Ghana, MARGARET MUIR in Peru and DIXEY OEHLER in Singapore...

NELL RIVES RETIRES...Our long-time accountant and business manager, Miss Nell Rives, retired from her position with the Foundation in September. We are all grateful to Nell for her faithful work and her contribution to the Foundation program. She is living with her two sisters at 428 W. Swon, Webster Groves, Mo. We wish Nell happy retirement days!

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SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INTERNATIONAL CAMPERS - We are always eager to have with us at both Miniwanca and Merrowvista carefully selected international students. Scholarships are available for a limited number of these young people for both camps. If you know of a fine overseas student between the ages of 16 and 21 years who would profit by a Founder camping experience while in the States, and who would qualify as to interest in Christian leadership training, please send full information to the St. Louis office regarding prospects for Miniwanca, and to Ed Clark at the Merrowvista office, (14 Main Street, Gardner, Mass.) for Merrowvista candidates.

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PENCILS FOR MINIWANCA! Many of you have saved short pencils and sent them to us at Miniwanca. Each season we need a fresh supply. Won't you save your pencil stubs for use in our camp office and send them to us at Miniwanca in late June. Many thanks for your help, and our appreciation for those of you who have previously contributed pencils!

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CHITS and CHATS...CAROLYN PARSONS is teaching this year at the American College for Girls - Arnavutkoy, Istanbul, Turkey...ANN (Broad) PITTMAN is back in her home city of Canton, O., and is working part-time in physical therapy with cerebral palsy children at Community Rehabilitation Clinic. She and her husband are active in a recently formed community Presbyterian church...JERRY BROOKHART is Treasurer of National Tomahawk, a sophomore independent honorary. He is a student at the Univ. of Illinois...BETTY (Peters) TIDBALL and husband, Dr. Charles, are enjoying life in Washington, D.C., where they have bought a home. They are active in musical circles and have acquired a harpsichord...KIM KEY has graduated from Pilot Training, and after May will be at Donaldson Air Force Base in Greenville, S. C....After their stretch of service in Hong Kong, PAT (Wall) FENSKE and her husband are back in the States and are Protestant Ministers to Drexel Institute in Philadelphia...HARRIET (Walker) MESSINGER has moved to the Dunleith Manor Apartments,two blocks from the Plaza in Kansas City...An interesting Christmas newsletter came from MARY and TOM WILEY, who are now living at 190 Goldsmith Road in Pittsburgh...Grad BILL LOVETT is working at Products Research Division, Esso Research and Engineering Co., in Linden, N.J. Bill recently sent a contribution for the scholarship fund...KATHY BODENBENDER is in Moline, Ill. helping her brother Dr. REINHARDT...The day after Christmas HELEN (Cavins) OWENS and her husband left with a group of farm people in rural India for six weeks under the auspices of "Farmers and World Affairs." We are certain they have been good ambassadors!...Former St. Louis camper ROBERT SCHRADER is working on his Doctorate at Univ. of Wyoming. He writes: "Always enjoy hearing from you. Have two young boys - future Miniwanca campers"...DR. ROBERT HOEHN is working in surgery at McGill Univ.this year and writes of "a fringe benefit - skiing in the Laurentians" ...At Purdue University EUGENE ROBINSON has an assistantship in the Dean of Men's office. He took his PhD prelims in January...HARRIET (Rex) BOARD's daughter Marian Frances, former Miniwanca YG camper, is the first girl ever to be elected President of the Student Union at William Jewell College. She has been named to "Who's Who Among American Students"...Grad WINIFRED WILDER of Oak Ridge, Tenn. is again sponsoring tours to Europe for the summer - a Grand Tour, a Tour to Scandinavia and Russia, and a Prep School Tour. If interested, write Winifred...ART CHANDLER has recently been transferred in his work from Philadelphia back to the Cleveland area where he and his wife are living in Cleveland Heights...

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Yes - it's that time of year! Annually many of our campers and leaders contribute to our Treasure Hunt-Scholarship Fund, making camp possible for outstanding young people who could not otherwise have the experience. The plan was originated years ago by those who asked for the privilege of expressing their gratitude for their own camp experiences.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A PART IN THIS PROJECT, please send your contribution to the St. Louis office. Gifts in any amount are welcome! The camp fee this year is $65 for the two weeks. Some are in position to give full scholarships. Others give half scholarships. Please make checks or money orders payable to American Youth Foundation and earmark them for "Treasure Hunt-Scholarship Fund."

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MORE NEWS OF FOUNDERS. . . ARTA SPRINGETT plans to take a trip to Formosa this summer to visit her daughter,MARLITA who presently lives in Formosa...During Christmas vacation NANCY MAY arranged a reunion of Miniwanca campers in the Cleveland area.We understand they had a fine time of it!..In early December FRED BERHENKE of Midland, Michigan was elected Youth Governor of Michigan at the Hi-Y Tri-Hi-Y legislature meeting. He has since received an appointment to the Air Force Academy. Congratulations, Fred!...1960 OB camper PHILIP KAY BLEVINS, student at Berea College, was recently judged the winner in agriculture in the Kentucky state 4-H Club Achievement contest. His brother, PARKER RAY, also a camper, won this same honor in 1957. Parker Ray has since also been awarded a trip to Egypt...NANCY BIRGE will be doing senior honors work at Mount Holyoke College next year...Grad SUE GENTRY is in charge of occupational therapy at James W. Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis, having assumed her new position last August...A fine honor was recently paid Dr. W. HOBART "Hobe" HILL, Resident Administrator of the Humanics Foundation at Missouri Valley College. He received the Golden Ruler Award for dedicated leadership to youth...KERM MORRISON writes interestingly of life in Brussels, Belgium, where he serves as Pastor of the American church. He tells of streams of Belgian refugees and missionaries who have had to flee from the Congo, and of his work with them; of taking 16 high school young people on an 8-day bicycle trip through Holland; of plans for a similar trip to Denmark this summer; and of the serious strike which tied up Belgium and brought hardship to so many people. He closes by saying: "Our prayer is that 1961 will be an easier year for our Belgian friends. The Congo crisis, a royal wedding, and a severe strike, are about enough excitement for this little country for one year!"...NANCY MUNSON spark-plugged a Miniwanca get-together of Madison, Wis. campers and leaders in early November. In addition to local campers, SALLIE EKERN, LOUISE ORCUTT, JINNY ESTEN and MARGE REAGON attended. The Madison group also went Christmas caroling on Dec.15th, and they plan a spring picnic..

We have recently received a copy of the program of a Memorial Service held at First Presbyterian Church, Greensburg, Pa., honoring Rev. HAROLD F. POST who died in Feb. 1960. "Postie" is affectionately remembered by the many campers and leaders of early camp days...Rev. BILL SNOWBALL had a preaching engagement in Birmingham, England this past summer. His family accompanied him on the trip...CLEA (Johnson) GREENAWALT is presently in Solna, Sweden...1953 OB ALFRED SCHMID is now Assistant Professor of agricultural economics at Michigan State University....Congratulations to OG camper JOYCE BAUMANN who has been named one of Nebraska's delegates to National 4-H Club Conference in Washington in April...ROBERT FRANTZ, former Tiffin,O. camper, is presently serving his second term as mayor of Mayfield Heights, Ohio... DAPHNE MICHAELIDES and CAROL REA are on the Dean's Counseling staff at the Univ. of Indiana, Bloomington...Among the Founders who attended the meetings of the Christian Education Division of the Nat'l Council of Churches in St. Louis were MARGARET TOWNER, MARIDEEN VISSCHER, LOUISE BODE, MARY LOU VAN BUREN and MARGARET HUMMEL.

FOUNDER ARRIVALS . . . Paul Llewellyn to Mr. & Mrs. Paul Robertson (JENELLE TODSEN) 6/23/60; Meredith to Mr. & Mrs. Hamilton Wadman (BARBARA GREENFIELD) 10/13/60; Mary Elizabeth to Mr. & Mrs. WILLIAM SEABLOOM 11/11/60; Stephen Mark to Mr. & Mrs. Thomas N. McDonald (JO ALICE McGUIRE) 11/19/60; Lester to Rev. and Mrs. IVAN DORNON 11/30/60; Linda Lou to Mr. & Mrs. LEWIS M. McKAY 12/3/60; Donna Marie to Mr. & Mrs. John Miles (MARIAN GEISE) 12/9/60; Donna Lucile to Mr. & Mrs. Donald Coombs (MARJORIE FLINT) 12/20/60; Sarah Kay to Mr. & Mrs. HEWITT CHANDLER 1/20/61; Louis John to Mr. & Mrs. Dan Murray (MARY COLE) 1/24/61; Bruce Wayne to Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Moore (ETHEL MAY POST) 1/30/61 Denise Elaine to Mr. & Mrs. Richard Scofield (DOROTHY BEAM) 2/7/61; Kenneth Robert to Mr. & Mrs. KENNETH WOODRUFF (LUCILE GUYTON) 2/8/61. Anne to Mr. & Mrs. William Burton (SUSAN GOODELL) 2/7/61...

FOUNDER MARRIAGES . . . DAVID C. KEM to Janet Trueblood 8/16/60; KEITH BAYHA to Nellie Williams 9/10/60; PATRICIA KURTZ to J. R. Ameling 11/26/60; JIM ANDERSEN to Jan - 12/18/60; JEAN LOUISE STRIGHT to Harmon H. Davenport 12/23/60; CAROLYN HIRTH to Richard H. Pippert 12/26/60; RACHEL JORDAN to F. H. Jenkins 1/29/61...

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MRS. JUNE PERSICHETTY (1960 Merrowvista) - October 11, 1960
R. A. WAITE "Dad" - March 11, 1961
C. THOMAS WELLER (1951 OB) killed in plane crash January 4, 1961
STERLING L. WILLIAMS (Leader, Faculty 1915-41 - Miniwanca and Merrowvista) - August 1960

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PRAYER - By KODAYA - at close of OG Candlelight Sing - Miniwanca 1959

Our Father, Our Father, what shall we say to Thee?
Thou hast made us so that all the world talks to us and we talk back to Thee.
Thou hast made us so that we turn trees into spirits, and stones into song, and gather up all of life as an offering unto Thee.
Why hast Thou made us thus, O Lord?

Grant Thy blessing upon us as we go to our sleep.
In the quiet of the night, when all the long shadows comfort us, and the silences speak more vocally than the day, call us to a new day with Thine own Good Morrow.
We bid each other good night, and we say good night to Thee in the full confidence that Thou art our God and we are Thine forever and ever, and none shall pluck us out of Thy hands.
Hear our prayer in His name.

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C A M P D A T E S

Miniwanca:
- Younger Boys - June 21-July 26
- Younger Girls - June 22-July 27
- Older Girls - July 31-Aug. 13
- Older Boys - Aug. 14-Aug. 27

Merrowvista:
- Older Girls - June 25-July 9
- Younger Girls - July 10-Aug. 12
- Younger Boys - Aug. 2-Aug. 30
- Older Boys - Aug. 13-Aug. 27

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GEORGE "Skip" DUEMELAND of North Dakota has been awarded the 1960 Ag Senior Scholarship to return for 1961. Congratulations, George!

NEWS OF FOUNDERS HERE AND THERE ... Leader and long-time friend ALICE G. PALMER was recently cited as "Woman of Accomplishment" in her home city of Norfolk, Va. The honor is given for civic and religious leadership and service to youth in her community...AND - current OB TED LORCH of Rochester, Minnesota, was recently named Student of the Month at his high school...Last October DR. AGNES GOWDEY of Philadelphia, a former Wisconsin camper, and long-time Miniwanca and Merrowvista leader, visited FRANNIE DUFF in Hamilton, Ontario. They had not seen each other since 1949! ...At the International Co-operation Agency in Washington, D.C. MARY LOU BECKER (now Dr. Becker) is working as Assistant Tunisia Desk Officer...CHARLES MISHLER now lives in Swayzee, Ind., where he is Principal of the schools. He and Mrs. Mishler are already active in church and community leadership...SHIRLEY (Heard) BRACKETT writes happily of her life in Lincoln Park, Michigan. She is teaching Home Ec and Family Living, and is busy home-making and caring for two-year-old Robbie...On Nov. 13th Rev. HERBERT SCHROEDER was installed as Minister of the First Presbyterian Church of Saginaw, Mich. The installation sermon was delivered by Rev. MARGARET TOWNER...Interesting letters come from BETSY (Bingham) TOWER who makes her home in Anchorage, Alaska. Betsy writes of seeing ED CRITTENDEN- "one of the leading citizens of this city, and an excellent architect."...Frequent word reaches us of MAXINE BURCH - home from India on furlough. She is taking advanced work in Nutrition at the University of Iowa, and hopes to make it back to OG Camp at Miniwanca this summer...Back also from abroad is FLORA KITZMAN who has been on an IFYE fellowship in Israel. She is now teaching in Iowa...SHORTY MORSE writes from Tallahassee that he sees JANE MONTGOMERY and JOHN CAREY frequently. Jane is Associate Director of Wesley Foundation at the U. of Florida...Grad SHIRLEY (Atchison) WELLS is living in Billings, Mont., where her husband is serving a church near the campus of Rocky Mountain College. They will be helping to conduct camps in the Presbytery camp "in the mountains up toward Yellowstone Park - a lovely spot!"...ABBY JANE (Nicholson) HODGES and her husband are living in Baltimore where he is in medical school and she a physical therapist...Grad CHARLES TIMBERLAKE is teaching in Claremont Jr. High, California.

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HEADS UP - MINIWANCA OG's! Found - at camp last summer - a lovely white sweater. Three-quarter length sleeves. Buttons down front. Have at St. Louis office.

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CAN YOU HELP US LOCATE THESE LOST FOUNDERS?

Kenneth M. Allen - 1938 Grad
C. Phil Bosserman - 1953 Grad
Mrs. Bruce Burton (Lisbeth Koskinen) - 1954 Grad
Anne (Nancy) Cuno - 1945, 46, 47
Mrs. John Davis (Pauline Bott)- 1944,45,46
David J. Ernsberger - 1945, 46, 48
Nita Foulkrod - 1950 Grad
Mrs. R. L. Holliday (Doris Pangborn) - 1946, 47, 49
Jo Lenore Lenz - 1958 Grad
Jane Linton - 1947 Grad; 1951 OG Leader
Richard L. Schiltz - 1960
Hugh Tuck Schulhof - 1956 Grad
David C. Shefelbine - 1957, 58
E. Lowell Swarts - 1949 Grad
Susanne Taylor - Merrowvista 1960
Mrs. James S. Van Ness (Nedra Tracy) - 1952, 53, 54
Mrs. James Woodfin (Bonnie Louise Walters) - 1950, 51, 52

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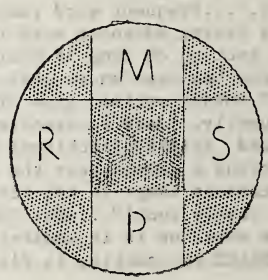

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